

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2008-69-S

Joint Application of Development Service, Inc. and Bush River Utilities, Inc. for Approval of a *Pro Forma* Restructuring

Development Service, Inc. ("DSI") and Bush River Utilities, Inc. ("Bush River") (collectively, "Applicants") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"), pursuant to 26 S. C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-504 (Supp. 2007) as well as other applicable statutes or rules, for approval of a *pro forma* corporate restructuring involving the merger of the Applicants, with DSI as the surviving corporation and name of entity.

More specifically, the Applicants request approval for Bush River to transfer operating authority of its approved territory in South Carolina to DSI the surviving merger entity, upon consummation of the proposed transaction.

According to the Application, DSI is a privately owned public utility providing sewer service to 68 residential and 70 commercial customers in Richland County. DSI collects sewerage from its customers and transfers it to Bush River for treatment. Bush River is a privately owned public utility providing sewer service to 53 commercial customers in Richland and Lexington counties. Bush River treats sewerage collected by DSI and its own customers. The Application reveals that DSI will continue to operate with the same basic management structure as Bush River and DSI have in place with the customers to be served under one sewer utility.

According to the Application, the proposed transaction will serve the public interest in the counties served in South Carolina by the merging utilities. The proposed transaction will streamline and eliminate inefficiencies from the business and administrative operations of DSI and Bush River. Further, the Application states that DSI intends to adopt those portions of Bush River's tariffs relating to Bush River's service offerings and when necessary will file a revised tariff after consummation of the transaction or as otherwise directed by the Commission.

A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from Scott Elliott, Esquire and Charles H. Cook, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott, P.A., 721 Olive Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **April 10, 2008**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2008-69-S.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1441 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 and Scott Elliott and Charles H. Cook, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **April 10, 2008**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2008-69-S.***

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **April 10, 2008**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2008-69-S.***

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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